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Welcome

Thank you for joining your fellow sustainability practitioners, educators, students and sector support representatives in Dunedin – New Zealand’s most beautiful city – to expand our impact!

Collectively we have the opportunity to move beyond just creating sustainable campuses and curricula and realise the unique potential our sector has to champion sustainable development, and shape a motivated generation of leaders with the skills to tackle the critical environmental, economic and socio-political challenges we face today.

Over the next three days, we encourage you to take full advantage of all the learning and knowledge sharing opportunities available focused on the theme of expanding our impact, and hope you also take the time to network and reconnect with peers and colleagues.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank The University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic for co-hosting the ACTS Conference and their support in developing the event this year. The time and effort our hosting members contribute is invaluable to the ACTS Team in delivering this event annually, and ensures it truly remains a conference developed by the sector, for the sector.

We also thank the generous support of our sponsors, who continue to make this event possible. Our sponsors all represent businesses and organisations that work closely to practically support sustainability, and we are delighted to partner with them.

Please don’t forget that the ACTS team are on hand at all times to help you during the conference! If you’re not sure where to find us, head to the registration desk.

Thank you and enjoy!

Rhiannon Boyd
General Manager, ACTS

A sustainable event

The ACTS Conference and Green Gown Awards Australasia Gala Dinner are events proudly delivered with sustainability at their heart. Throughout all stages of planning and implementation our team has taken the utmost care to ensure sustainable practices are upheld and responsible materials are used.

The ACTS conference, including the Awards Ceremony, has been sponsored by South Pole who will offset the carbon emissions of the event, including the travel of all delegates.

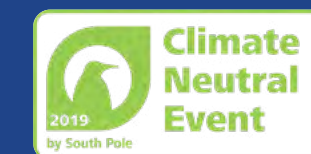
ACTS aims to minimise waste at the conference: All conference communications and program material, where possible, have been sent by email and are available online and on our app to minimise paper usage. No delegate bags will be given out at the event, and delegates are encouraged to bring their own bag, paper and pens. Lanyards are undyed and made from bamboo silk, and are reusable so please return them at the end of the conference. Your name badge has been printed on 100% post consumer recycled paper and does not require a plastic covering.

Delegates are encouraged to take regular breaks during the event and remain hydrated. Refreshments will be provided throughout the event for your wellbeing.

All catering is vegetarian, using ethically and locally sourced food and beverages and served in reusable crockery.

To highlight our ethos, the Green Gown Awards Australasia trophies have again been made completely from recycled glass by Victorian artist Kirsten Laken. Each beautiful trophy is truly one of a kind.

Our highly commended institutions will take home certificates in frames handmade from reclaimed timbers from The Silvan which was once a beautiful art gallery and cafe in Selwyn Street, Christchurch. Unfortunately taken by the Earthquake, The Silvan has now resurrected as a small team doing all they can to save and re purpose beautiful timbers hand salvaged from damaged buildings.



Conference app



The event app is web-based which means no unnecessary downloading! The app can be opened on any smartphone by simply clicking on the URL or by going to the ACTS Conference website where a link will be made available.

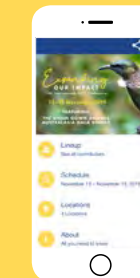
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The venues

Conference

The University of Otago, Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtāgo, is New Zealand's first university. It was founded in 1869, and in 2019 the University reaches the significant milestone of becoming 150 years old. The University of Otago is distinguished as New Zealand's first university and, in 2019, will mark its 150th anniversary, an important milestone for the University, Dunedin and New Zealand.

Today, the University has around 20,000 students, employs more than 3,800 staff, and is a significant educational, economic and cultural force. It has over 150,000 former students and enjoys a global reputation for outstanding research and teaching.

Otago Polytechnic is proud to be a leader in high quality, career-focused education with some of the best student achievement and satisfaction results in New Zealand.

Employers love our graduates because they are work-ready, confident and solution-focused. We believe our people make a better world and our alumni are global citizens who care about making a difference. We have been given the highest possible quality ratings from the Government and, as educators, we offer innovative ways for our learners to study so they can build their capability and realise their potential.

With online tools, blended delivery options and pathways from foundation through to postgraduate, time, distance and previous learning are no barriers to gaining the education you want.

Green Gown Awards Australasia

Now in their 10th year, the Green Gown Awards Australasia continue to recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by tertiary education. Finalists in the 2019 awards will have the pleasure of celebrating their achievements at the historic Larnach Castle in Dunedin, New Zealand. Situated on the picturesque Otago Peninsula, Larnach Castle will set a spectacular scene for this monumental occasion.

Delegates are welcome to return to Larnach on the Friday or Saturday following the dinner to explore the beautiful grounds further. Simply show your conference lanyard to receive discounted entry!



University of Otago



Larnach Castle



St Clair beach

Green Gown Awards Australasia

Finalists are representing:



17
Institutions



55,000 +
Staff



1 million +
Students

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Why are these Awards Special?

- Diverse range of categories
- Awards are represented internationally
- They provide a sector bench mark for excellence and are well respected by others
- Awards reputation and prestige is growing year on year

Line-up

After arriving guests will be served pre-dinner drinks and canapes on the Castle verandah, before moving through to the grand ballroom for the evenings main event! Under the period architecture and crystal chandeliers, guest will enjoy a three course dinner whilst celebrating the winners of the 10th Green Gown Awards Australasia.

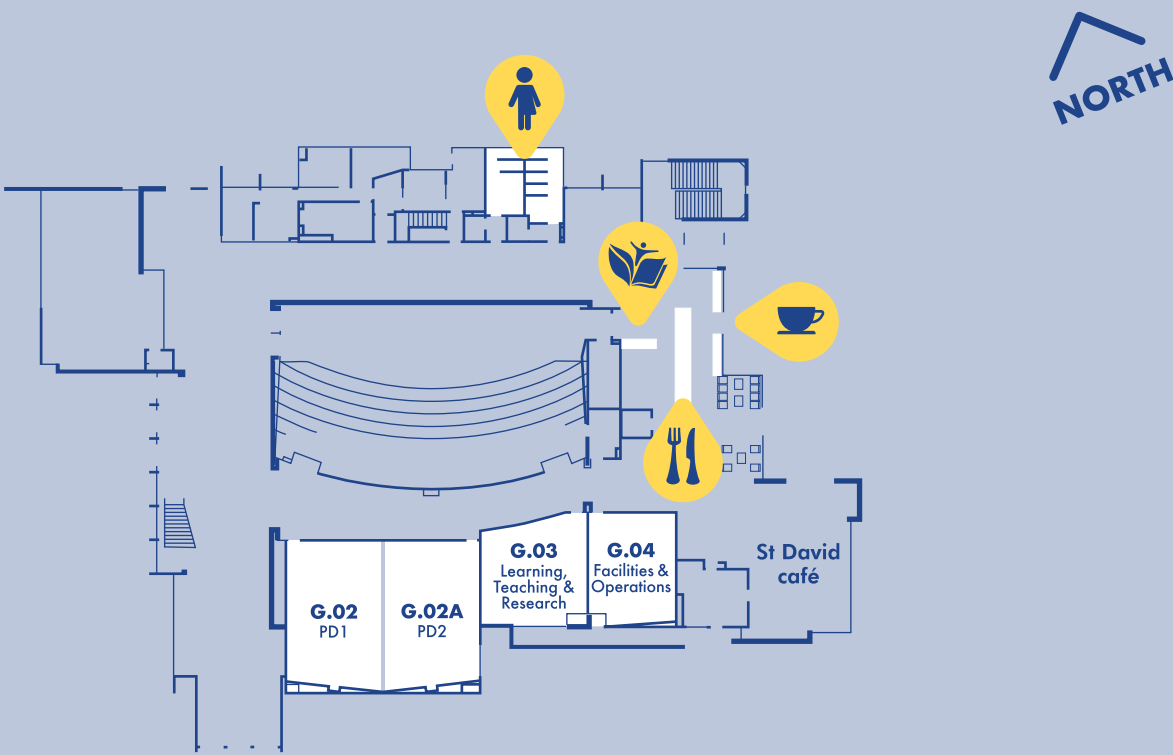


2018 GGAA winners

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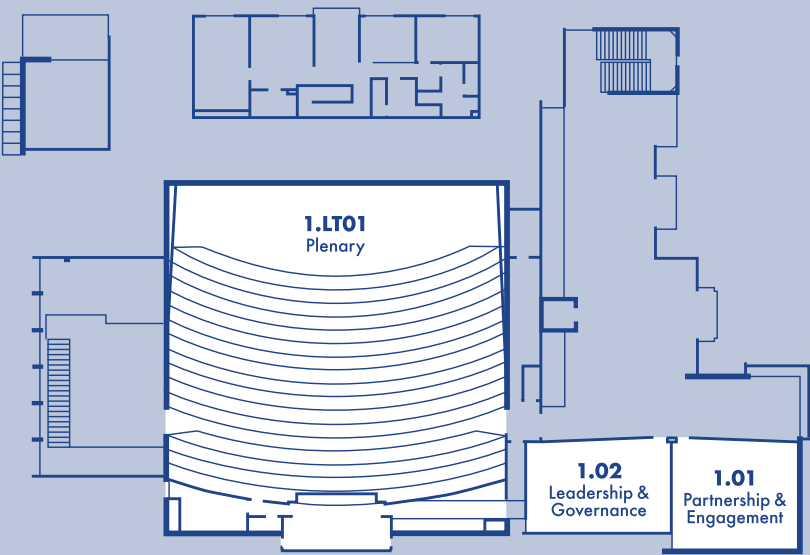
Ground floor

G	Registration
G.02	PD1
G.02A	PD2
G.03	Learning, Teaching & Skills
G.04	Facilities & Operations



First floor

1.LT01	Plenary
1.01	Partnership & Engagement
1.02	Leadership & Governance



Start	End	ACTS Conference day 1 Wednesday 13 November 2019			
8.00	8.55	Registration			
9.00	9.05	Mihi Whakatau (Traditional Welcome)			
9.05	9.15	Kapa Haka (Māori performance) – He Waka Kōtuia Māori performing arts group			
9.15	9.25	Welcome and introduction – Corey Peterson (ACTS President)			
9.25	9.35	Host Welcome address – Stephen Willis (Chief Operating Officer, University of Otago)			
9.35	10.00	Keynote address – Ron Bull (Tumuaki Whakaako, Otago Polytechnic) & Vanessa Carswell (Principal, Warren and Mahoney Architects)			
10.10	10.40	Networking and refreshments break			
Streams		Leadership & Governance (room 1.02)	Partnerships & Engagement (room 1.01)	Learning, Teaching & Research (room G.03)	Facilities & Operations (room G.04)
10.45	11.45	Climate Emergency Boot Camp <i>Seb Crawford</i>	Making a Green Impact: Empowering meaningful change through team-based action <i>Rhiannon Boyd, Andrea Marsden, Arifa Sarfraz, Catherine Elliot, Dani Harmshaw & Raveena Grace</i>	Seeding the student body for the next Sustainability Leaders <i>Suzanne Davis & Sophie Rutter</i>	100% Renewable, 100% Do-able <i>Daan Schiebaan</i>
11.50	12.35	Young sustainable leaders abroad <i>Phillipa Schliebs & Britt Little</i>	A sustainability journey: Challenges and lessons <i>Nik Mungilwar</i>	SDGXchange – a new way of matching research with funding! <i>Jane Diplock</i>	Managing Carbon, Renewable Energy & Responsible Investment in Higher Education <i>John Davis (South Pole), Carbon: Corey Peterson Renewable Energy: Clare Walker & Responsible Investment: Lin Stevenson</i>
12.40	1.20	ACTS AGM			
1.20	2.20	Lunch			
2.25	3.10	Sustainability highlights from UK & Ireland – study trip report <i>Corey Peterson</i>	Developing an Environmental Education ‘Mind Space’ <i>Wendy Rakete-Stones & Emma Passey</i>	Breaking down silo’s through interdisciplinary sustainable practice <i>Allen Hill</i>	Bike for a Better Future <i>Jen Rodgers & Megan Brasell-Jones</i>
3.15	3.45	Building buy-in at the top <i>Andrew Wilks</i>	Sustainability Reconfiguration and Renewal at University of Canterbury <i>Matt Morris & Chloe Wium</i>	Western Sydney Matters: Sustainability Curriculum Transformation at Western Sydney <i>Jen Dollin</i>	Net Zero Carbon for Aotearoa’s buildings <i>Brad Crowley</i>
3.45	4.10	Networking and refreshments break			
4.15	5.00	Organic Waste as an opportunity for socio-ecological regeneration in a campus community <i>Finn Boyle</i>	Smoking hot! Biodiversity management at Charles Sturt University <i>Kym Witney-Soanes</i>	Speaking Their Language: Interdisciplinary Videos for the SDGs <i>Tonya Sweet</i>	Innovation in waste contracting <i>Greg Nel</i>

Click here to read the session summaries on our website

Start	End	ACTS Conference day 2 Thursday 14 November 2019			
8.30	8.50	Registration			
8.50	9.00	Welcome – Corey Peterson (ACTS President)			
9.00	9.10	Host Welcome address – Megan Gibbons (Deputy Chief Executive for People and Performance, Otago Polytechnic)			
9.10	9.20	Headline sponsor address – Martin Russell (New Zealand partnerships manager, Keepcup)			
9.20	10.20	Climate Action panel – Prof Samuel Mann (<i>facilitator</i>) , Megan Gibbons, Barry Bignell, Maria Ioannou, Hoani Langbury, Scott Willis, Zak Cohen Rudin			
10.20	10.50	Networking and refreshments break			
Streams		Leadership & Governance (room 1.02)	Partnerships & Engagement (room 1.01)	Learning, Teaching & Research (room G.03)	Facilities & Operations (room G.04)
10.55	11.55	Our powers combined – the NZ collaborative <i>Andrew Wilks, Lesley Stone, Thomas Neitzert, Rachael Goddard, Matt Morris & Jen Rodgers</i>	Shooting for the STARS™ <i>Carmen Primo Perez & Meghan Fay Zahniser</i>	Making a Difference? Who wants to be MaD? <i>Samuel Mann & Ray O’Brien</i>	UQ Unwrapped – reducing UQ’s Plastic Footprint <i>Christine McCallum</i> Plastic Free Campus – Choose your battles wisely <i>Arifa Sarfraz</i>
12.00	12.30	Improving credibility and accountability of Sustainability Reports and SDGs <i>Lin Stevenson</i>	Expanding our impact over 10 years of CSU Green grants <i>Michelle Wilkinson</i>	Integrating Sustainability as a cross curriculum priority in teacher education programs: Expanding our impact through mentoring, creativity and reflection <i>Thelma Raman</i>	Towards Zero Carbon – Reducing Carbon Emissions in Existing Facilities at Victoria University Wellington <i>Nick Baty & Jenny Spence</i>
12.30	1.30	Lunch			
1.35	2.35	LiFE amongst the STARS – where can the Sustainability Leadership Scorecard fit? <i>Seb Crawford, Kym Witney-Soanes, Ed Maher, Suzanne Davis, Matt Morris & Carmen Primo Perez</i>	BCORPS with purpose: Positive deviants for sustainable futures <i>Fleur Fallon</i>	Blending BiCulturalism and Sustainability at L7 <i>Sarah Sellar & Ron Bull</i>	Choose to Reuse – Tackling single use packaging on campus <i>Sue Hopkins</i>
2.40	4.30	PD1: Generation Zero: Engaging students in Climate Action (room G.02) <i>Jen Coatham</i>		PD2: BeWeDō: Transforming Conversations (room G.02A) <i>Andrea Marsden & Dr. Mark Bradford</i>	
6.00	6.20	Coach departs Dunedin for Lanarch Castle. Bus stop 1 Executive Residence (leaves at 6pm). Bus stop 2 The Municipal Chambers (leaves 6.10pm)			
6.15	12.00	Green Gown Awards Australasia Gala Dinner			

Start	End	Day 3 Friday 15 November 2019	
9.15	10.15	Campus tours (morning tea will be provided)	Tour 1: Otago Polytechnic
11.00	12.00		Tour 2: University of Otago

Conference conclusion

Campus tours



Otago Polytechnic
9.15 – 10.15

Join us to see, feel and hear the stories-past and present-that influence the HUB building design and Living Campus at Otago Polytechnic.

Join us to tour the Otago Polytechnic HUB; an indoor space linking three previously separate buildings. Its a meeting place, a vibrant events space and one that encourages social interactions between staff, students and visitors. Embedded in the design are Kai Tahu perspectives and links to past and present environment. Join our wonderful guide Ron Bull (Tumuaki Whakaako. Kaitohutohu Office) to hear some great stories about what makes this space special.

The Living Campus is a vibrant community garden and a model of how we can live within a framework of permaculture ethics and principles. It was the first of its kind in Australasia, and includes the whole campus green space.

The Living Campus demonstrates elements of sustainability such as food growing; plants as resources for cultural, artistic and therapeutic purposes; biodiversity; energy efficiency; organic waste and water recycling.

Hear from Lisa Burton, Principal Lecturer, College of Engineering, Construction and Living Sciences about this wonderful space.



Sustainability lunch 2016



University of Otago
11.00 – 12.00

Morning tea will be in the Otago Business School foyer Te Wao Nui.

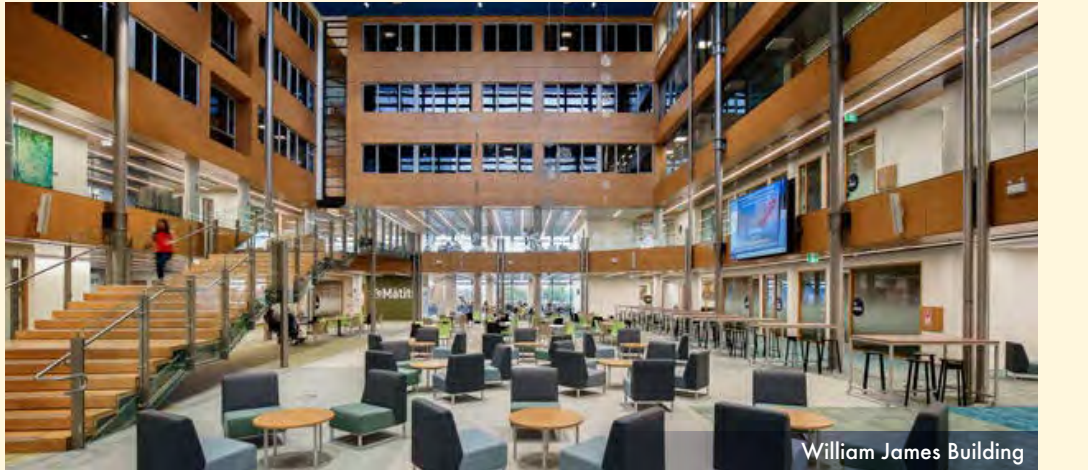
This building has had an \$18.5 million redevelopment, transforming it from a cold wet partially-roofed plaza into a fully-roofed, warm and inviting atrium flooded with natural light.

The entrance is now flat and more accessible, and the spaces inside the building – from teaching, social, quiet study and a café – encourage a wide range of social interaction. Take a moment during morning tea to engage with displays of other sustainability features at both campuses.

The University of Otago tour will begin looking at a new waste system in the building’s basement before moving to the Department of Psychology’s William James Building. The William James Building is a Five Green Star building, certified by the New Zealand Green Building Council.

It uses a quarter of the energy and water of a standard new building, with solar water heating, a renewable fuel boiler, a rainwater reuse system, low flow fittings and a green roof.

At the end of the tour shuttles will be departing to the Dunedin Airport for those who need them.



William James Building



LEARNING IN FUTURE ENVIRONMENTS

The structure of the ACTS Conference program continues to be based on the Learning in Future Environments framework

LiFE is a supporting framework that helps institutions demonstrate their response to environmental and social sustainability. The framework reflects, not only the specific nature of the further and higher education sector, but also the uniqueness of each institution, their context and their individual approaches to embedding sustainability.

Our four conference streams sit within the four LiFE framework Priority Areas:

Leadership & Governance	Partnerships & Engagement
Learning, Teaching & Research	Facilities & Operations

These priority areas have been developed with a holistic approach in mind, to accurately reflect the core business of educational institutions and demonstrate the key areas of focus for those already working towards sustainability.

You can learn more about how some institutions are applying the LiFE framework to promote sustainability within their organisations by attending the following presentation:

- Day 2: 1.35 – 2.35, [L&G] “LiFE amongst the STARS – where can the Sustainability Leadership Scorecard fit?”. Presented by Seb Crawford (University of Technology Sydney), Kym Witney-Soanes (Charles Sturt University), Ed Maher (Charles Sturt University), Suzanne Davis (University of Queensland), Matt Morris (University of Canterbury) & Carmen Primo Perez (University of Tasmania)

You can also access some great additional background reading and resources via the following links:

- Dedicated **LiFE website**
- LiFE Back to basics recorded webinar



Climate Action for Australia:
South Pole is your partner for reducing global emissions and restoring native vegetation.

Benefit from our international expertise by attending our panel session on 13th November, Concurrent Session 1 at 11:50 am: *Managing Carbon, Renewable Energy & Responsible Investment in Higher Education*

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Organise a time to meet us and discuss your Climate and Renewable Energy ambitions.

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Membership with ACTS connects your institution with others working to create a sustainable future, here in Australasia as well as across the globe.

You will have access to a suite of member-only benefits for all current faculty, staff and student of your institution, including but not limited to:

Key membership benefits:

- Access to the members-only web content, including comprehensive resources.
- Access to the member resources for EAUC (a UK based association) and AASHE (a USA based association) and their Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) – as part of an exclusive international collaboration.
- Free member access to our popular webinars.
- Access to the LiFE Index guidelines, a comprehensive performance management and improvement system.
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- Member discounts for to the annual International ACTS Conference, eligibility for the ACTS Scholarships and ACTS Awards of Excellence as part of the Green Gown Awards Australasia.
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